

GRIM WAYS OF WAR IN AFRICA.

Modern Methods Cause Smaller Death Rate Among the Wounded.

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CAPE TOWN, May 5.—No other war of recent years has given such absolute evidence of the progress of the science of warfare as the present struggle in South Africa. It is war pure and simple, with its terrible purpose—the killing of the adversary—ever uppermost in the minds of the combatants. We miss the pomp and pageantry of former struggles. Here are not known the spectacular parading of vast bodies of men, the glare and glitter of brass ornamentation, the flaunting of standards, all the myriad circumstances that made the wars of the past interesting for the onlooker. Even the battlefields of South Africa bear a businesslike look. Distances are great on the veldt and among the hills, and large bodies of men seem small in comparison with their setting. In these latter day battles we see a group of men start forward on a run and dash up the side of a hill, but as they do so we see them drop, singly or in twos and threes, but we see no flash of smoke and hear no report. Owing to the long range of the rifles now in use and to the general adoption of smokeless powder, men are killed at 2,000 yards by musketry fire, and the users of the rifles give no indication as to their whereabouts. It is a grim game of hide and seek with death, with no clew in sight to tell where or when he will appear.

Not only in its spectacular aspect, but also viewed from a medical standpoint, is this war unique. The wounds inflicted by both Mauser and Lee-Netford, unless they reach vital organs, result in fewer fatalities than ever before known—this to such a marked degree as to astonish the medical officers. As large a proportion of the British wounded as 96 per cent recover and are discharged, many being able to return to active service. The proportion on the Boer side is naturally smaller, the quality and quantity of medical attendance, although not definitely known, being probably not equal to the British. It has been called a humane war, but it may be doubted that a war which permits men on both sides to be disabled, cured and returned to carry on their bloody work is justly so known. The British hospitals are fitted with all the modern aids to surgery, the Roentgen rays being used as a matter of course. They are always used to determine the position of a bullet. In the British hospitals an officer is specially detailed to take X ray photographs. The English have also a new additional apparatus which



COOKING IN AN ANT HILL.

shows the depth of the wound as well as the position of the bullet. The Boers also have the X ray apparatus in use. Everything tends to reduce the number of men totally disabled, the smaller caliber of the bullets used and improved surgery being foremost.

No words can describe the devotion of the men on both sides to their comrades. Hard looking as is his exterior, Tommy Atkins has a soft spot in his heart for his companion in arms, and a Boer is not a whit behind him in his loyalty to his comrades. It is no uncommon sight to see men in tears at the British burial parties, and the dead march is often played to an accompaniment of sighs. As for the Boers, they are so interrelated that a man who falls is sure of sincere mourners, be they friends or relatives. There are many evidences of this devotion—stories of men risking their lives to help a comrade out of a perilous position or to give a wounded man a drink are common. The Victoria cross will be awarded many times during and after this war, but many more times will it be deserved.

The name foremost in South Africa just now is that of Baden-Powell, the heroic defender of Mafeking. It may not be amiss to note that it is correctly pronounced with the "a" in Baden long, as in "late." Indeed at school this idol of the British soldier was known as "Bathing Towel." Physically he is a man of great endurance, although short stature. He is eminently a man of action and determination, keen of countenance, with sharp and smooth features.

The South African winter is now fairly upon us and will last until September. It is a very common fallacy to suppose that it is always warm, if not hot, under the Southern Cross. It can be cold enough to "freeze the tail

off a brass monkey," as the miners say. Here and there, but very rarely, there will be snow. It may freeze on most nights, particularly on the uplands and at a 5,000 foot or greater elevation above the sea. During the day it is cold, but clear, bright, dry and eternally sunny, with a cloudless blue sky and an exhilaration of atmosphere unequaled in any other part of the world.

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GROWING GIRLS.

The Problem of Dressing Them For the Summer Outing.

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NEW YORK, May 29.—This is a busy time for mothers who are planning to take the children to the country, and it is always the hardest thing of all to suitably dress what is called "growing girls." There are stores here where a mother can find everything that can be desired all ready made, but those things cost high, and not every woman can afford to buy the necessary garments there. As one who has had much experience in "contriving" new



VEILING DRESS FOR YOUNG GIRL.

things out of old and out of all sorts of odds and ends let me tell mothers a little about such things.

In the first place, when a woman buys anything for herself in ordinary dress goods let such purchase be made with a view to future needs, and this means that it should be of some standard and all wool material. These do not go out of fashion and can be turned and washed and remade indefinitely and always look like new. These goods are chevot, camel's hair, cashmere and the different all wool twill plaids. All of these are as suitable for children as for their elders. Some clever women when purchasing a dress for themselves add one or two yards to what they would require for themselves, according to the size of the child, and as there are always pieces left of the mother's dress it needs but little more and not over half what it would have required for the child had it been purchased separately. Guimpes also are a great factor in the economy of dress-making for girls, as when stuff is scarce a guimpe with long sleeves helps a scanty pattern out wonderfully. And guimpes are to be features of much of the season's best styles for children's wear. That means young girls and small ones, from babies up.

The guimpe as it is now offered is like the old ones were, but the sleeves to those for every day use are rather short. The more dressy ones are longer and prettily trimmed with lace and loops of tiny baby ribbon. Black velvet ribbon is as fashionable for them as for older persons.

Serge has always been considered a suitable and economical material for girls, but it is now giving place to the cravanette, which has a serge weave, but is waterproof and therefore more valuable. Just now the prettiest of the stuffs for nice summer wear is the soft all wool veiling, and this is offered in all the delicate pastel tints as well as in darker shades.

One of the daintiest dresses for a young girl who is old enough to care for her clothes is a cream veiling made somewhat after the style of the dress in the illustration, and this is made with a drop skirt, so that as she grows the under one can be lengthened without leaving the outward and visible signs of it for others to see. I think nothing worries a girl so much as to have attention thus called to her awk-

ward stage of existence, and some girls are so abnormally sensitive that we ought to do all we can to shield them from suffering. A dress showing the marks of having been let down and showing those telltale creases where tucks have been is simply agony to almost any girl. The drop skirt does away with any such difficulty. The one in the illustration has the scallops bound with satin ribbon of the same shade, and the bows and loops are simple and yet dressy enough for a modest girl.

A girl of this age should have all her waists made in loose blouse form, and this will allow room to grow without causing any remark. If, however, she does outgrow a dress waist, the neck part can be cut away and the upper part then finished off with a guimpe of some stuff or other which will match the rest of the gown, or it may be made of lace.

Where the skirt has been cut plain and has become too short a good plan is to make a skirt of lining and at the bottom of this put a band of something that will "go" with the other one and then slightly trim the old skirt and let it fall like an overskirt. It may be well to cut off an inch or so of the edge if it is soiled, and then the trimming will completely hide the lack of freshness.

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